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To: [Reshkin, Karen](#)
Cc: [Ribordy, Michael](#)
Subject: FW: Could you send the press release not sure I saw it
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 10:13:00 AM

Hi Karen,

Please give me a call so we can discuss. I have a commitment at 11 that I can't miss. I've tried to call you a few times with no luck this morning.

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From: Behnke, Kristina
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Reshkin, Karen
Subject: RE: Could you send the press release not sure I saw it

Hi Karen,

Here is the EPA OSC website that I created. As of right now, everything is set to private so you'll have to log in to view everything. If you don't have an account, you can just make one and your EPA email will give you access to view the content. Please give me a call and we can discuss or I can help explain what is on there as of right now. My cell number is below.

response.epa.gov/USSteelHexavalentChrome

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From: Reshkin, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Behnke, Kristina <behnke.kristina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Could you send the press release not sure I saw it

Good morning, Kristina. I'll be working on the response website with you. This will be my first time doing that, so I may ask some really basic questions.

I understand you've created something already. What is the name of the site, or what's the URL so I can view it?

Thanks

Karen

P.S. – you can reach me by phone at 312-353-6353 or by Skype IM in addition to email.

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Will do. I'm working on updating now. I got a few pictures from START as well
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Kristina and Andy,
Talked to Jeff Kelly and he asked that we update the webpage to include the following information until the 10:30 update. Can you work with Karen Reshkin (3-6353) on updating the public side of the webpage. Before it goes public we will need Jeff and Sam's ok. Thanks

From: Kelley, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Ribordy, Michael <ribordy.mike@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Could you send the press release not sure I saw it
We sent this statement to reporters who had reached out to us and to congressionals.
EPA RESPONDS TO CHEMICAL SPILL AT U.S. STEEL FACILITY IN PORTAGE, IND.
EPA is responding to a chemical spill at the U.S. Steel facility in Portage, Ind. This morning, the company reported a wastewater discharge to the Burns Waterway, within 100 yards of Lake Michigan. EPA has determined that the wastewater contains hexavalent chromium, a toxic byproduct of industrial processes. EPA is working with the company to contain the spill. At this time, it's not known how much has been spilled.
EPA is monitoring the waterway and Lake Michigan. This sampling does not show that the hexavalent chromium has reached Lake Michigan. EPA will continue to monitor and will

provide updates as needed.

EPA is working closely with U.S. Steel and federal, state and local partners. In an abundance of caution, the nearest municipal water source, the Indiana American Water in Ogden Dunes, has shut down its water intake and will use reserve water. Also, the National Park Service has temporarily closed two beaches at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (see <https://www.nps.gov/indu/index.htm> for more information).

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From: Ribordy, Michael

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:07 AM

To: Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>

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